

timely and adequate credit support from the banking system to the farmers for their cultivation needs.

- Liberalisation of guidelines in regard to requirement of collateral security, norms for minimum recovery and minimum involvement etc.
- Banks have been advised by the RBI to open specialized agricultural branches to take care of financing of high tech agricultural project.

Cargo Shipment of Agricultural Products

2037. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for agricultural products cargo shipment airport in the State of Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), which is an organisation under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, proposes to set up a cold storage and cargo handling facility at Mumbai International Airport in Maharashtra for export cargo of perishable agro products such as fruits, vegetables, flowers, meat and poultry. APEDA has no plans to set up such a facility in Punjab or Haryana as perishable products are exported in very small quantities from these places for which the facility set up at New Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport is available.